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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Written Ex Parte Presentation

WT Docket No. 16-319, Bresnan Communications, LLC, Request for Waiver; Report of Satisfaction of Waiver Condition

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In its December 21, 2016 letter granting T-Mobile relief in the above-captioned matter, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") established benchmarks that T-Mobile is required to satisfy in order for the Bureau's action to remain valid. ^{1/} The first benchmark required T-Mobile to provide signal coverage and offer service to at least 35 percent of the geographic area of the license area covered by the call sign WQJQ807 by no later than April 21, 2017 and file a notification of construction demonstrating that it met that benchmark. ^{2/}

Consistent with its commitments to provide additional competition to the underserved and rural areas covered by the Waiver Letter, T-Mobile met the first performance benchmark over two months early. In particular, it submitted the required notification of construction on February 17, 2017. Despite the meritless Application for Review ("AFR") submitted by the Rural Wireless Association, Inc. ("RWA") in this proceeding, T-Mobile continues to meet the required deadlines the Bureau established, confirming the Bureau's determination that the public interest would be served by granting the requested waiver so that the citizens of Montana can receive competitive wireless services. Nevertheless, in order to remove any remaining uncertainty regarding the relief the Bureau provided, the Commission should promptly dismiss the RWA AFR.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced docket. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Letter from Roger S. Noel, Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, to Steve B. Sharkey, T-Mobile License LLC, DA 16-249, WT-Docket No. 16-319, rel. Dec. 21, 2016.

Waiver Letter at 6.

^{3/} See ULS File No. 0007667068.

Respectfully submitted,

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